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Border Inspection Posts (England) – for action
Chief Port Health Officers – for action

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Nominated officers for Imported Food (England)

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Dear Colleagues,

AMENDMENTS TO REGULATION (EC) NO 2074/2005

This letter is addressed to Border Inspection Posts and Chief Port Health Officers in England only.

I am writing to advise that the Commission has recently published two amendments to Regulation 2074/2005.

Regulation 2017/1973 amends with regards to the official controls on fishery products caught by vessels flying the flag of a Member State and introduced into Union after being transferred in third countries. This was published in the OJ on October 31st and can be found here: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017R1973&from=EN>.

Fishery products caught by EU vessels can be unloaded, with or without storage, in third countries before entering the Union by a different means of transportation. However, these fishery products must be accompanied by the model health certificate set out in the Annex to the Regulation. These changes apply from 1 July 2018.

Regulation 2017/1980 amends Annex III of Regulation 2074/2005 as regards the paralytic shellfish poison (PSP) detection method. It was published in the OJ on November 1st and can be seen here: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017R1980&from=EN>.

The PSP content of the edible part of a mollusc (the whole body or any part edible separately) must be detected in accordance



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with the biological testing method or any other internationally recognised method. If the results are challenged, the reference method must be the so-called Lawrence method as published in AOAC Official Method 2005.06 (*Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning Toxins in Shellfish*). This amendment applies from 1st January 2019.

Yours sincerely,

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